

At the sentencing earlier today, PERRONE requested that he be sentenced to a term of 12 months and one day imprisonment. Judge PATTERSON rejected that request, and stated that this type of crime is difficult to prosecute, as "it is hard to get witnesses. People are afraid of retaliation against them and their families," adding, "This type of crime is a crime that eats away at the good things that go on in our world."

In addition to the prison term, Judge PATTERSON sentenced PERRONE to 2 years of supervised release and ordered him to forfeit \$150,000 and pay a \$12,500 fine.

Mr. GARCIA praised the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York City Police Department in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney ELIE HONIG is in charge of the prosecution.

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